## CONSTRUCTION

75. The town, through the mayor, shall advertise for sealed bids for any major construction undertaken under Section 75 74(a), (b), (c), or (d). Bids may be asked for the work as a whole or in parts. The contract shall be let to the lowest responsible bidder, and all contracts shall be approved by the council. If the mayor feels that all the bids are unreasonable, he may readvertise or may have the town do the work by day labor. The town in its discretion may expend for construction by day labor an amount not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) without advertising for or receiving bids. All contracts may be protected by such bonds, penalties, and conditions as the Town of Mount Airy may require, all of which shall be enforceable in any court having jurisdiction.

## ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY

76. The Town of Mount Airy shall have the power to acquire by gift, purchase, lease, or condemnation any land, improvements, rights-of-way, sources of water, or other property of any kind or interest therein or franchise connected therewith within Carroll County or Frederick County, whether used for public, quasi-public, or private purposes, either in fee or as an easement, for the purpose of establishing, operating, extending, or maintaining a water system, water plant, sanitary sewerage system, sewage treatment plant, storm water sewers, or any other public improvement. Any condemnation proceedings under this section shall be carried on in accordance with the provisions of Section 94 of this charter, and the activities mentioned in this section shall be considered as public improvements within the meaning of Section 94 of this charter.

## PLACING STRUCTURES IN PUBLIC WAYS

77. Any public service corporation, company, or individual, before beginning any construction of or placing or of changing the location of any main, conduit, pipe or other structure in the public ways of the town, shall submit plans to the mayor and obtain his written approval. Any public service corporation, company, or individual violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. If any unauthorized main, conduit, pipe, or other structure interferes with the operation of the water, sewerage, or storm water systems, the THE mayor may order it removed.

## OBSTRUCTIONS

78. All individuals, firms, or corporations having mains, pipes, conduits, or other structures in, on, or over any pub-